

**Meeting community needs in Nebraska.** More than **10,000** people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to solve problems and strengthen communities through **47** national service projects across Nebraska. Serving with national and community nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and local agencies, these citizens tutor and mentor children, coordinate after-school programs, build homes, conduct neighborhood patrols, organize local homeland security efforts, respond to disasters, and recruit and manage volunteers. This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service will provide more than **\$4,500,000** to support Nebraska communities through three major programs:



**Senior Corps:** More than **6,500** seniors in Nebraska contribute their time and talents in one of three programs: **Foster Grandparents**, who serve one-on-one with more than **13,000** young people who have special needs; **Senior Companions**, who help more than **1,100** other seniors live independently in their homes; and **RSVP** volunteers, who work with more than **700** local groups to meet a wide range of community needs, including safety patrols with local police departments, environmental projects, tutoring and mentoring, and responding to natural disasters.



**AmeriCorps:** This year, more than **500 individuals** are serving in Nebraska communities as AmeriCorps members. In return, the members receive an education award of up to \$4,725 to help pay for college or pay back student loans. To date, more than **1,500** Nebraska residents have qualified for education awards totaling more than **\$8,000,000**. Two-thirds of AmeriCorps grants are made by the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission. National nonprofits, such as Habitat for Humanity and the Student Conservation Association, make other assignments. Other members serve in AmeriCorps\*VISTA, and AmeriCorps\*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps).



**Learn and Serve America:** Learn and Serve America provides schools, colleges, and community organizations with grants for service-learning. These grants help make it possible for more than **3,300** Nebraska students to meet community needs while improving their civic and academic skills and learning the habits of good citizenship.

## Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission

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*"As Governors, we recognize the value of national service as tool in meeting important needs in our states... We have seen the progress of young people inspired by older students, the importance of trained hands helping after a disaster, and the pride of a senior sharing his or her time with a child in need of mentoring... We do not want to lose this force for good in our communities, states, and country."*  
**Governor Mike Johanns**

## What's Inside...

\* Nebraska At a Glance \* Program List  
\* Contacts

<u>Senior Corps</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Funding</u>
RSVP	12	5,957	\$526,456
Foster Grandparent Program	6	393	\$1,329,334
Senior Companion Program	5	181	\$419,080
<b>Senior Corps Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6,531</b>	<b>\$2,274,870</b>

<u>AmeriCorps</u>	<u>Program Sites</u>	<u>Members<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Funding<sup>2</sup></u>
AmeriCorps*State	10	517	\$1,519,219
AmeriCorps*National	6	32	\$166,212
AmeriCorps*VISTA	6	21	\$298,200
AmeriCorps*NCCC <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>AmeriCorps Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>\$1,983,631</b>

<u>Learn and Serve America</u>	<u>Grantees</u>	<u>Subgrantees</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Funding</u>
School-based programs	2	21	3,244	\$276,714
Community-based programs <sup>4</sup>	0	1	126	\$0
<b>Learn and Serve America Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>\$276,714</b>

<b>Total National Service Resources</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10,471</b>	<b>\$4,535,215</b>
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<sup>1</sup> This figure represents the number of enrolled members, as of March 15th, 2003. Many AmeriCorps programs have additional slots which may be filled during the 2002-2003 program year.

<sup>2</sup> This figure does not include the education award that each AmeriCorps member receives after completing a term of service. To date, more than **1,500** Nebraska residents have qualified for education awards totaling more than **\$8,000,000**.

<sup>3</sup> Nebraska is served by the AmeriCorps\*NCCC campus located in Denver, Colorado. In the past year, AmeriCorps\*NCCC teams have served on projects in Brownville, Omaha, and Pawnee City.

<sup>4</sup> This program is a subgrantee of a national organization based in another state. State-by-state funding breakdowns are not available at this time, so funding is accrued to that program's home state.



# Senior Corps in Nebraska

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(If different)</i>	Number of Volunteers	Program Type
Alliance	City of Alliance Box Butte County RSVP	350	RSVP
Beatrice	Blue Valley Community Action, Inc. Pioneer FGP	69	Foster Grandparents
Chadron	North West Nebraska Community Action Council Chadron FGP	26	Foster Grandparents
Chadron	North West Nebraska Community Action Council Chadron RSVP	540	RSVP
Crawford	Crawford Cultural Center Crawford RSVP	335	RSVP
Falls City	The Richardson Foundation, Inc. RSVP of Richardson County	264	RSVP
Gering	Panhandle Community Services (Nebraska) Panhandle FGP	90	Foster Grandparents
Gering	Panhandle Community Services (Nebraska) Panhandle SCP	11	Senior Companions
Grand Island	Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. Hall/Adams/Buffalo FGP	63	Foster Grandparents
Grand Island	Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. Grand Island RSVP	400	RSVP
Grand Island	Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. Hall County SCP	10	Senior Companions
Hastings	Senior Action, Inc. Adams/Webster Counties RSVP	625	RSVP
Kearney	Mid-Nebraska Community Service RSVP Kearney	200	RSVP
Kearney	Mid-Nebraska Community Service Mid-Nebraska SCP	6	Senior Companions
Lincoln	Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Lincoln/Lancaster FGP	44	Foster Grandparents
Lincoln	Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Lincoln Area RSVP	650	RSVP
Lincoln	Lincoln Area Agency on Aging SCP of Lincoln	55	Senior Companions
North Platte	City of North Platte North Platte RSVP	576	RSVP
Ogalla	City of Ogalla Ogalla City/Keith County RSVP	324	RSVP



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Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(If different)</i>	Number of Volunteers	Program Type
Omaha	Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging	101	Foster Grandparents
Omaha	Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging Eastern NE Office on Aging RSVP	1,378	RSVP
Omaha	Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging SCP Omaha/Eastern Nebraska	99	Senior Companions
Rushville	Sheridan County Commissioners RSVP of Sheridan County	315	RSVP
Total Number of National Senior Service Corps Volunteers		6,531	



# AmeriCorps in Nebraska

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(if different)</i>	Number of Enrolled Members	Program Type
Statewide	Nebraska Statewide Plan Nebraska Teacher Corps	395	AmeriCorps*State
Beatrice	Student Conservation Association <sup>1</sup> Homestead National Monument of America	0	AmeriCorps*National
Fairbury	Blue Valley Community Action, Inc. <sup>2</sup> Blue Valley Crisis Intervention	0	AmeriCorps*State
Hartington	Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society Alternative Food and Farming Initiative	6	AmeriCorps*State
Lincoln	City of Lincoln Urban Revitalization Project	9	AmeriCorps*State
Lincoln	Community Action - CAN AmeriCorps CAN AmeriCorps	34	AmeriCorps*State
Lincoln	Lincoln Action Program Child & Family Support Team	29	AmeriCorps*State
Lincoln	Lincoln Action Program Youthbuild AmeriCorps Program	16	AmeriCorps*State
Lincoln	United Methodist Ministries	4	AmeriCorps*VISTA
McCook	Nebraska Community Foundation Nelson Fellows of Southwest Nebraska	6	AmeriCorps*State
Omaha	Catholic Network of Volunteer Service Lutheran Service Corps	3	AmeriCorps*National
Omaha	Catholic Network of Volunteer Service MAGIS	4	AmeriCorps*National
Omaha	Omaha Habitat for Humanity Omaha Habitat*AmeriCorps	5	AmeriCorps*National
Omaha	Student Conservation Association <sup>1</sup> Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	0	AmeriCorps*National
Omaha	Urban Education Service Corps - Omaha	20	AmeriCorps*National
Omaha	College of St. Mary Alternatives in Retention	5	AmeriCorps*State
Omaha	Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska Strong Urban Neighborhoods	17	AmeriCorps*State
Omaha	Habitat for Humanity	4	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Omaha	Hope Medical Outreach Coalition	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Omaha	Mosaic Community Handy Hands	5	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Peru	Presbyterian Outreach	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Winnebago	Winnebago Housing And Development Commission	6	AmeriCorps*VISTA



# AmeriCorps in Nebraska

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(if different)</i>	Number of Enrolled Members	Program Type
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Total Number of Enrolled AmeriCorps Members		570	
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This figure represents the number of enrolled members, as of March, 2003. Many AmeriCorps programs have additional slots which may be filled during 2003.

<sup>1</sup> This program has not yet enrolled AmeriCorps members for the 2002-2003 program year.

<sup>2</sup> This program is a planning grant, and will not be enrolling AmeriCorps members during the 2002-2003 program year.



# Learn and Serve America in Nebraska

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name ( <i>if different</i> )	Students	In-State Subgrantees <sup>1</sup>	Program Type
Statewide	Nebraska Department of Education	3,167	12	School-based
Lincoln	University of Nebraska - CHESP Teacher to Teacher	77	9	School-based
Omaha	Camp Fire Boys and Girls Camp Fire USA Midlands Council	126	1	Community-Based
<b>Total Number of Learn and Serve Participants</b>		3,370	22	

<sup>1</sup> If the subgrantees of a parent program are listed on this page, they are not also counted in that parent program's subgrant column. Also, subgrantees show a "1" in this column, which refers to themselves.



Through the **President's Student Service Challenge**, students in kindergarten through college receive presidential recognition for their outstanding community service. Students who serve 100 hours or more are eligible for a **President's Student Service Award**. Since 1999, more than 933 Nebraska students have received this award. In the **President's Student Service Scholarship** program, two students from each high school may receive a \$1,000 college scholarship for outstanding service to the community. Since 1997, more than 315 Nebraska students have received these scholarships.



The **National Service-Learning Leader Schools** program recognizes middle and high schools for their excellence in service-learning. Westside High School in Omaha has been recognized as a Leader School.

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Learn and Serve America Higher Education is a national program. The number of higher education programs in each state varies. Please see [www.learnandserve.org/about/higher\\_ed/index.html](http://www.learnandserve.org/about/higher_ed/index.html) for the program(s) in your region or contact Learn and Serve America program officer **Brad Lewis** at 202-606-5000 x113 or [blewis@cns.gov](mailto:blewis@cns.gov).

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